

# THE TABERNACLE

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*"in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Genesis 22:18*

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# INTRODUCTION

The author of this bible story in pictures has but one desire: that her work may prove informative and give joy to all who cling to the promises given to Abraham.

## THE LORD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

"And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." Genesis 22:15-18

"Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant." 1 Chronicles 16:15-17

## BEGINNING OF THE LAW AGE

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them . . . And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights." Exodus 24:12, 18

## WHILE IN THE MOUNT, MOSES RECEIVED FULL INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING

### THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it." Exodus 25:1-9

"And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much." Exodus 36:5-7

## **WHEN THE TABERNACLE WAS COMPLETED IT WAS PRONOUNCED VERY GOOD**

"According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them." Exodus 39:42-43

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The pictures contained in this book, together with the scripture texts pertaining to each, will take us through a study of what Moses actually experienced and witnessed while he was with the Lord in the mount for forty days.

The models of the tabernacle and all the furnishings, and costumes, described in Exodus, Chapters 25 to 40, plus other illustrations of events recorded during the wilderness journey, have been made by the author over a period of forty years. This work was done in a quiet manner at night time, for the days were occupied with the common tasks of life. A great many more studies in pictures was actually accomplished than is shown in these photographs. Each picture has a scripture text attached so that all may clearly see how great in love and wisdom is the Lord God of Israel, the architect of the Tabernacle.

The author would be pleased to withhold her name because she surveys the vastness of the undertaking and is convinced that without divine help it could not have been completed. However, she has been advised that this cannot be done, and so my signature will be,

Your servant in the Lord  
MARIE LUNDQUIST



**Abraham sat in the tent door at noon when three angels came to visit him, one of them being the judge of all the earth. He asked them to stay. Water was provided for them to wash their feet and Abraham invited them to sit down under the tree where he served them with meat, butter, milk and bread.**

**The angels told Abraham about the birth of Isaac which would be at this time next year when Abraham will be one hundred years old.**

Genesis 18:1-15



### **THE SLAYING OF THE PASSOVER LAMB**

"Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb." Exodus 12:3-4



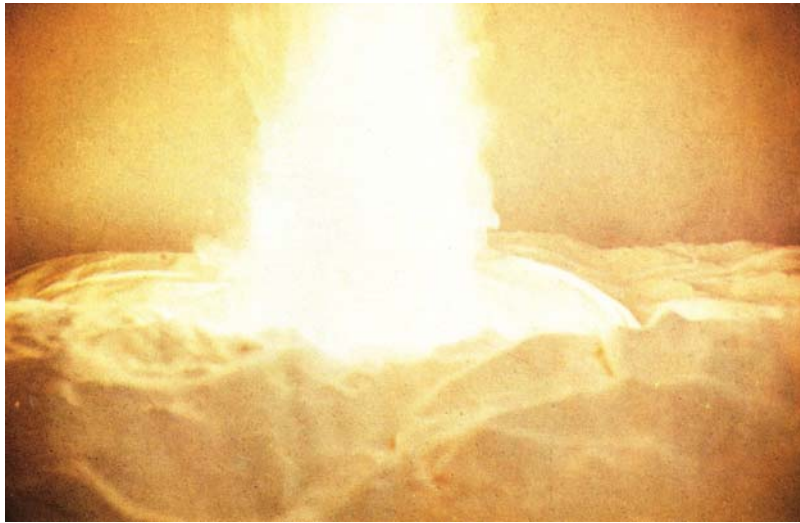


"Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening" Exodus 12:5-6



"And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it." Exodus 12:7

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:13



### **THE CLOUD AND THE FIRE**

"And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. So it was alway: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents." Numbers 9:15-18



"...the appearance of fire by night..." Numbers 9:5



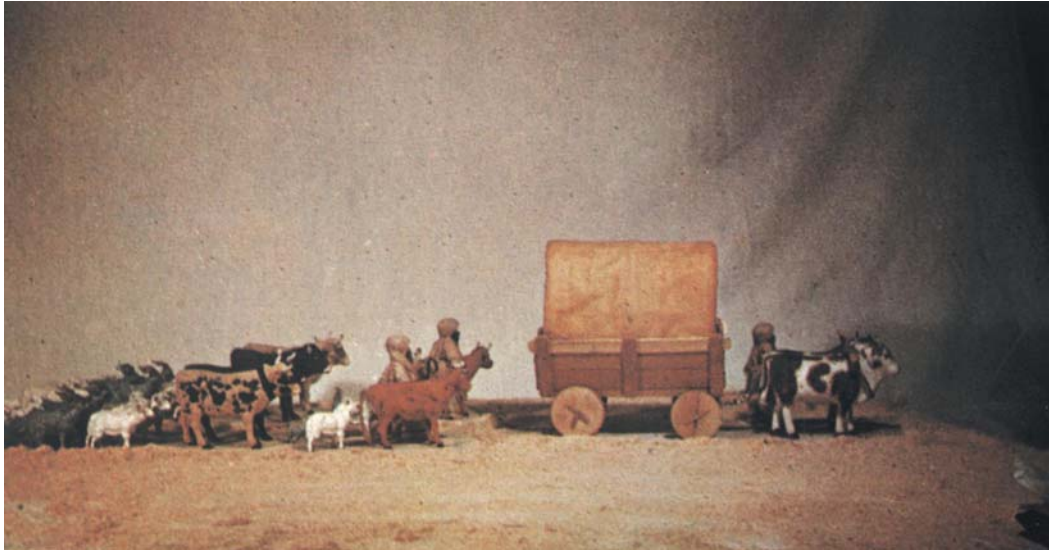
**Fire by twilight.**



**Numbers 7 contains a description of the covered wagons and the gifts brought by the princes of Israel.**

"And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them; That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered..."

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service." Numbers 7:1-5



**Six wagons in front of the tabernacle at the time of the dedication. For twelve days the princes of the tribes offered, each one on his own day.**

Numbers 7:1-89



"For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys." Exodus 40:38



"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps." Numbers 10:1-2





"And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran." Numbers 10:11-12



"In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab." Numbers 10:14

"And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar shall be captain of the children of Issachar. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred. Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon shall be captain of the children of Zebulun." Numbers 2:4-7





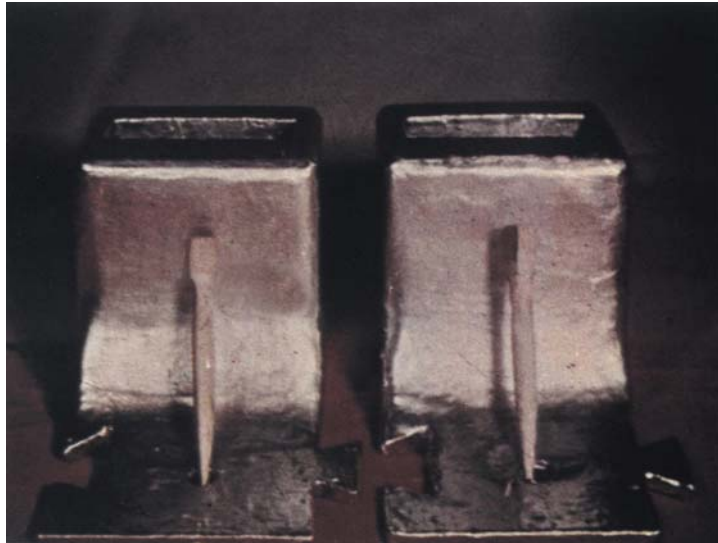
**In the tribe of Issachar there were 54,400 above the age of 20. Their chief was Nethaneel the son of Zuar.**

Numbers 2:5-7  
Numbers 10:15

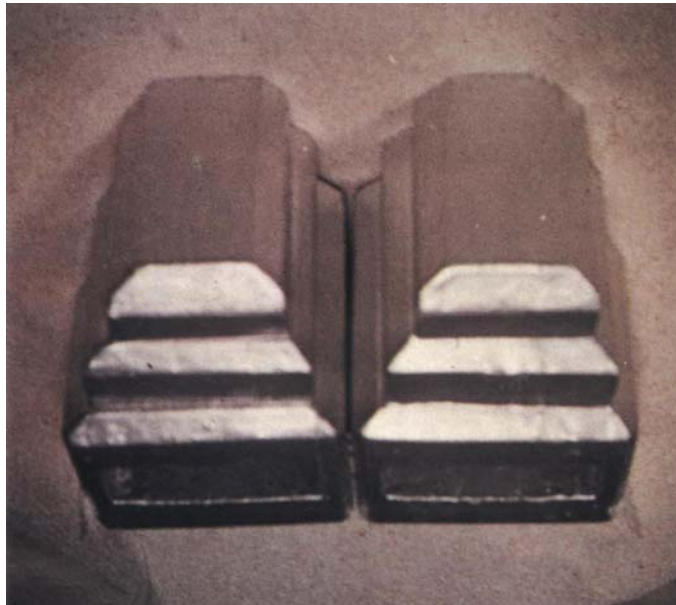


### **CONSTRUCTION OF THE TABERNACLE, WORK OF THE MERARI LEVITES**

"And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle." Numbers 10:17



**The structure of the sockets is not mentioned in the Bible. They may have interlocked as shown in the picture. It represents the inside of the sockets, a copper pin inserted, and with sand filled in reaching their top. This would give a smooth surface to the floor and make a secure foundation for holding the boards.**



**Front side of sockets. Two tenons in each board to fit into the two sockets.**

Exodus 26:19





"And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons." Exodus 26:19



"And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards;"

"And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board." Exodus 26:20-21

**Altogether there were 96 sockets for the 48 boards. Each socket weighing 96 pounds. Also four silver sockets were made for the four pillars between the holy and most holy; a total of one hundred silver sockets.**



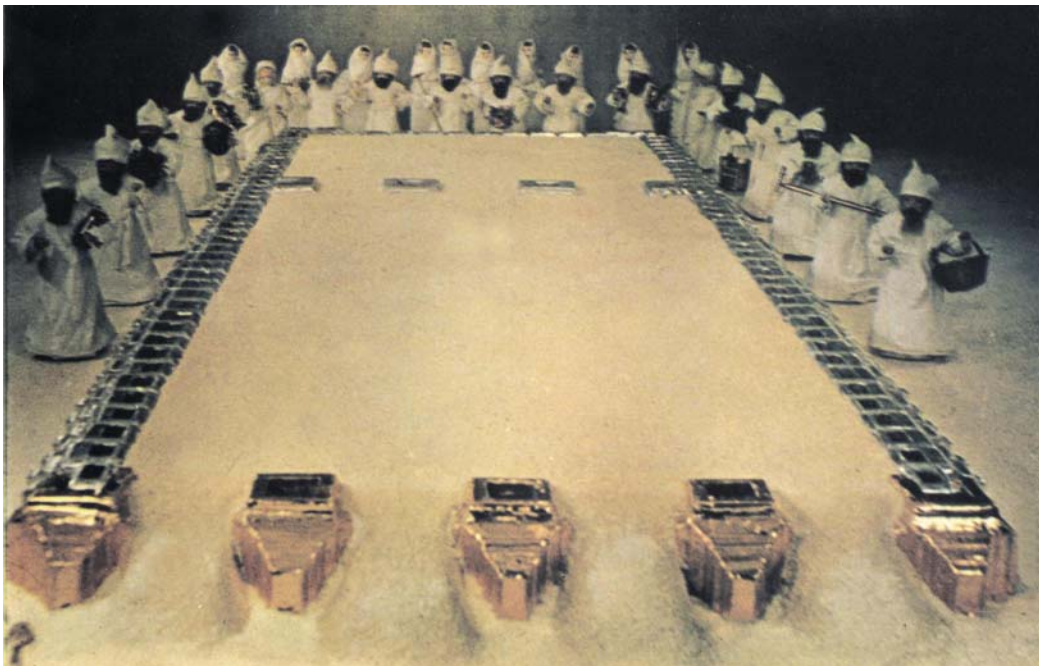
"And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them." Exodus 26:37



**The Merari Levites are surrounding the foundation ready to put the boards and the pillars into the sockets. There were altogether one hundred and five sockets, one hundred of silver, and five of copper.**

**Notice the four silver sockets between the holy and the most holy, and the five copper sockets at the entrance.**

"And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket." Exodus 38:27





"And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up. The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board was one cubit and a half." (**one cubit equals 1 1/2 feet**)

"One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle." Exodus 36:20-22



"And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward . . ." Exodus 36:23

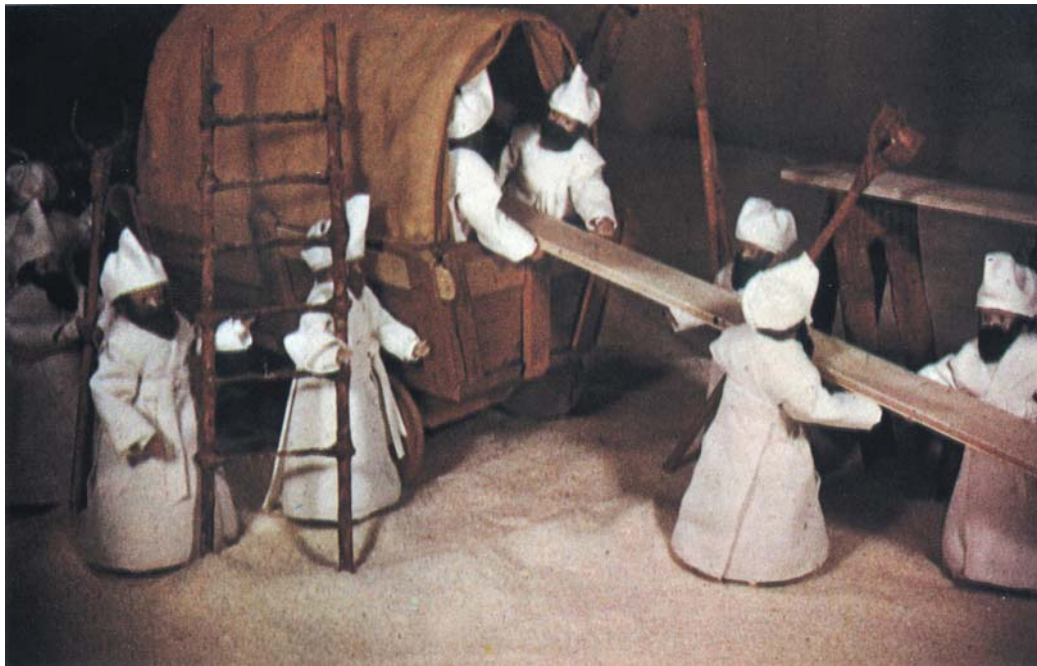
"And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards, . . ." Exodus 36:25





"And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold for places for the bars:  
... " Exodus 26:29

**The boards and the rings are now completed.**



**One of Merari's wagons brings scaffolds. Some arrangements must have been made to lift the Levites high enough to insert the long bars into the rings.**



"And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the side westward." Exodus 36:31-32

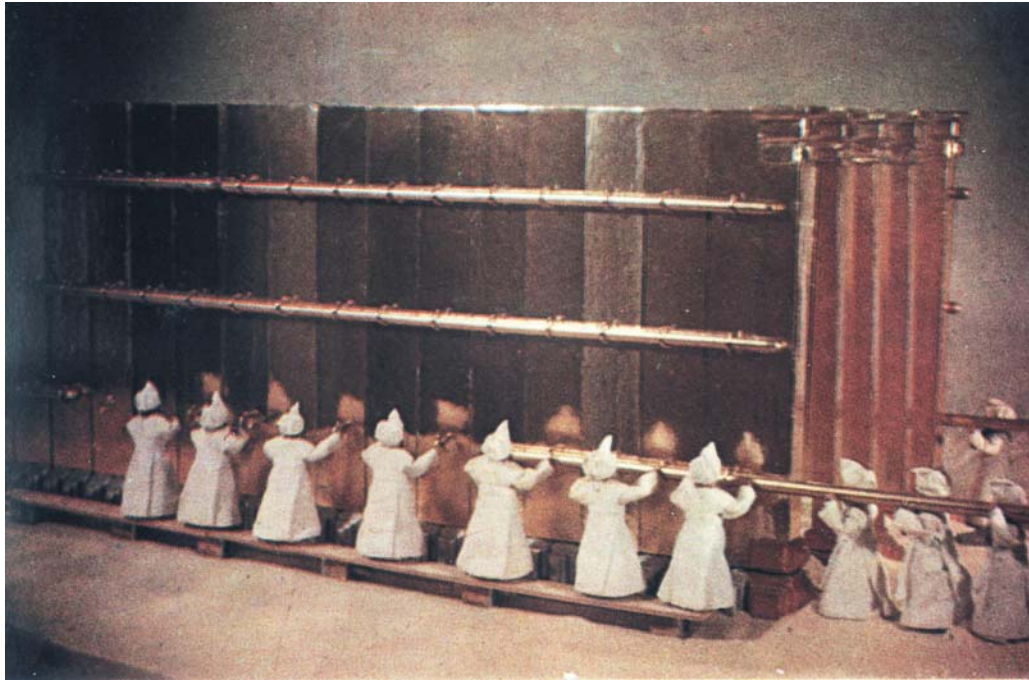
**The top bars may have been about twelve or thirteen feet from the ground. The two top bars were each twenty-two and a half feet long.**



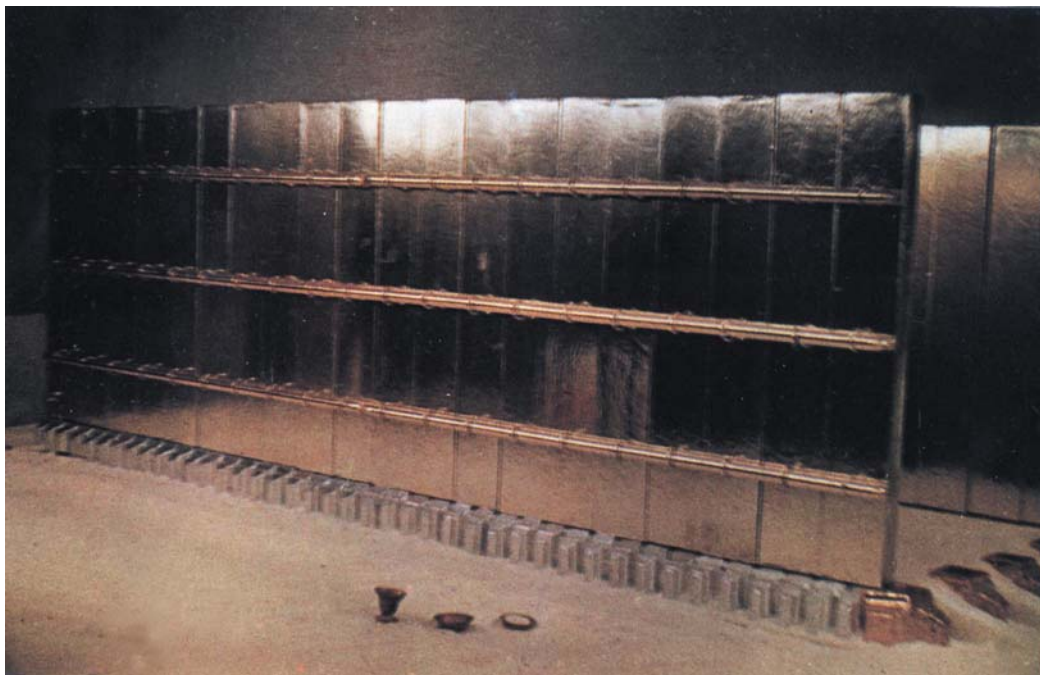
**The middle bar may have been about nine feet up from the ground. This bar was forty-five feet long and reached from end to end of the tabernacle.**

Exodus 26:28





**The lower bars may have been about six feet up from the ground. These bars were twenty and a half feet long also, alike on both sides of the tabernacle.**



**Bars inserted**

"And under the custody and charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, . . . and all the vessels thereof . . ." Numbers 3:36



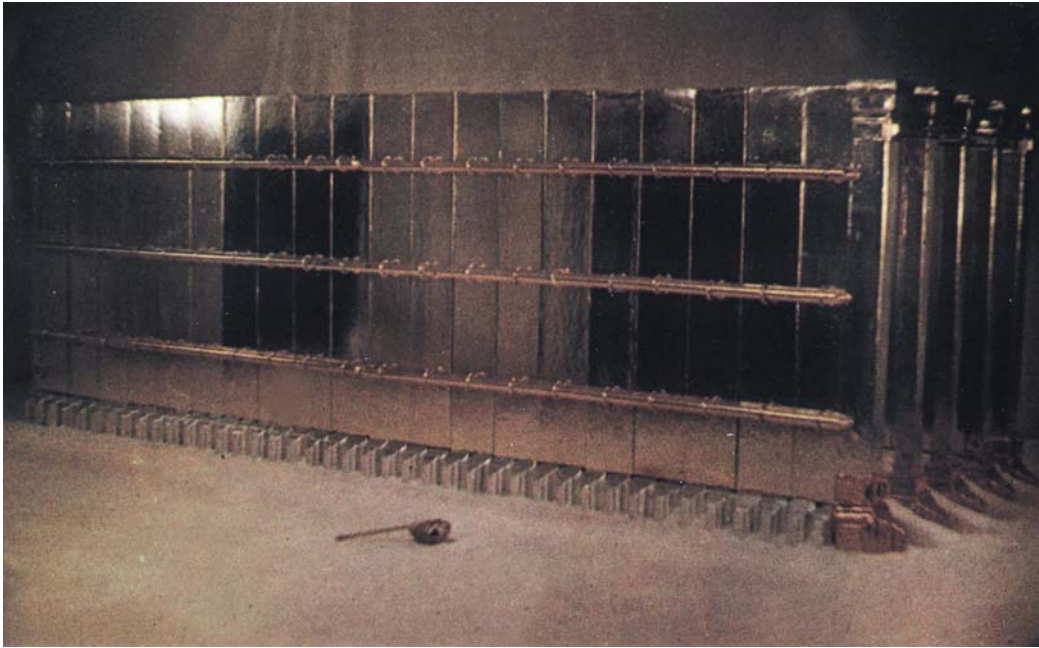
**The Merari Levites erect the pillars. Four pillars for the covering veil between the holy and the most holy.**

Exodus 26:31-33



**"And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fastened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars." Exodus 40:18**





**View of the tabernacle completed; the tabernacle wherein our Heavenly Father shall dwell among his people.**



**Close-up view of the pillars. And Moses fashioned the tabernacle as it had been shown to him in the mount.**



## **THE CHARGE OF THE GERSHONITE LEVITES IN THE TABERNACLE OF THE CONGREGATION**

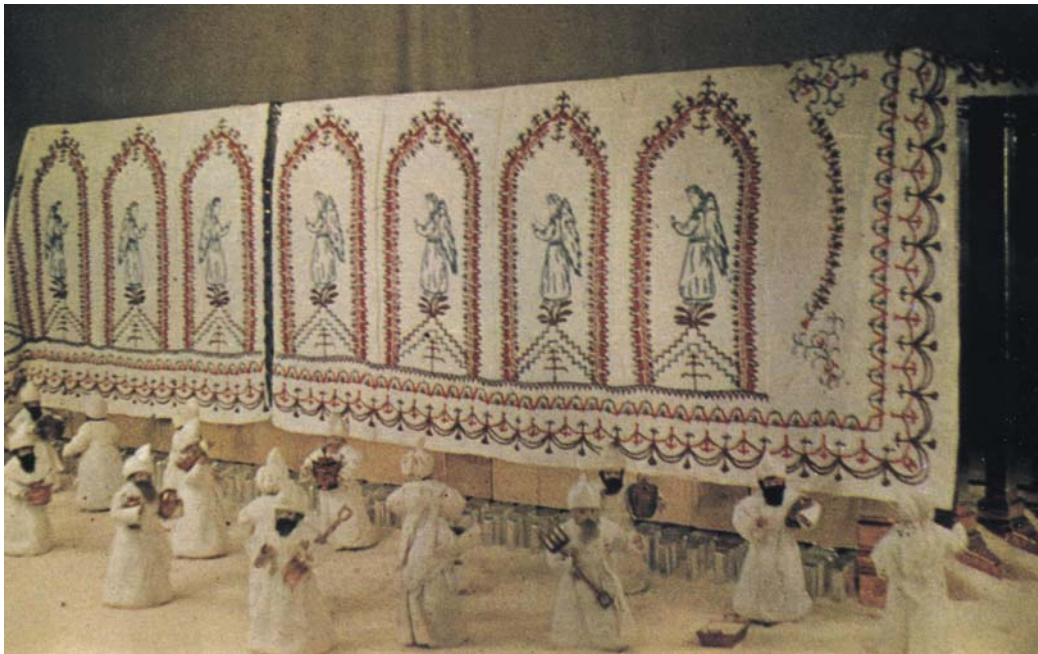
**The Gershonite Levites carry the curtains and the covering for the tabernacle. Those who entered into this service were two thousand and six hundred and thirty. Their chief was Eliasaph, the son of Lael.**

Numbers 3:24-26  
Numbers 4:39-40



**Gershonite Levites standing on scaffolds to put the white linen curtain on the tabernacle.**





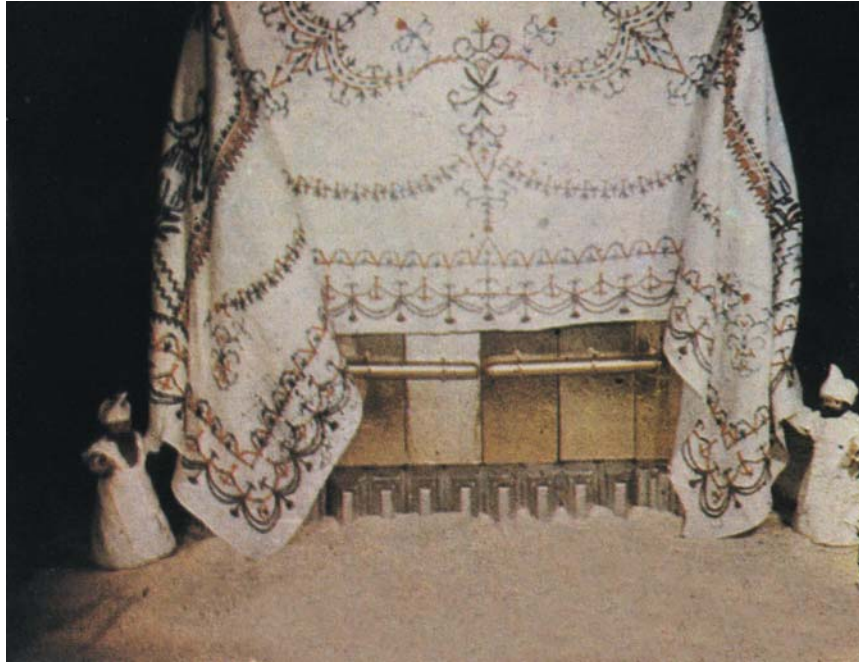
"Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle, with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them." Exodus 26:1

"The five curtains be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another." Exodus 26:3

**This covering was sixty feet long and forty-two feet wide.**

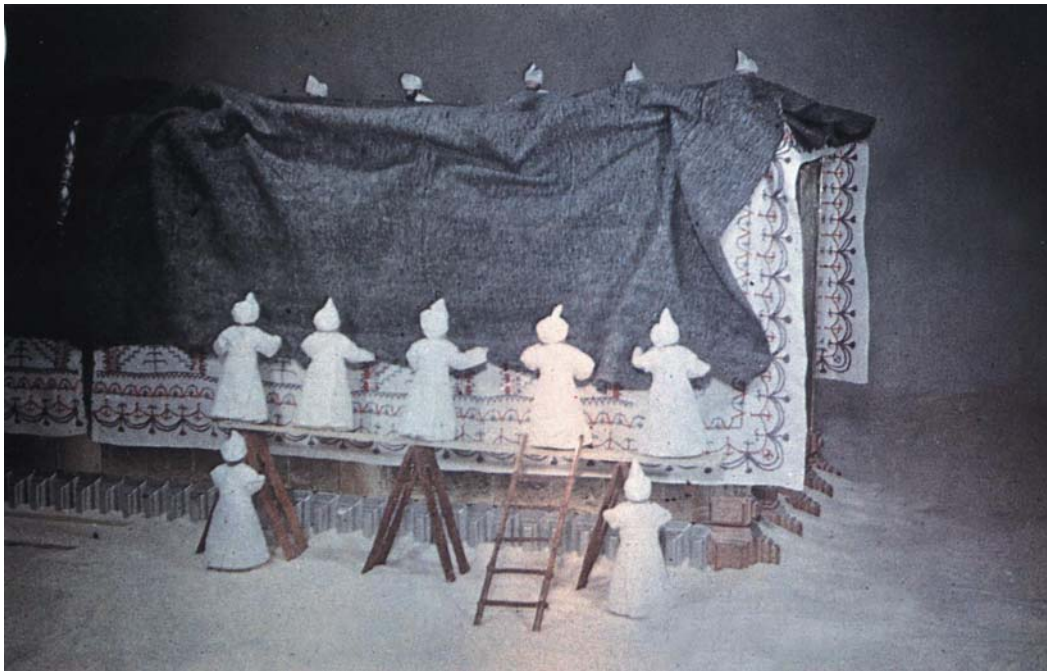


"Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle." Exodus 26:5-6



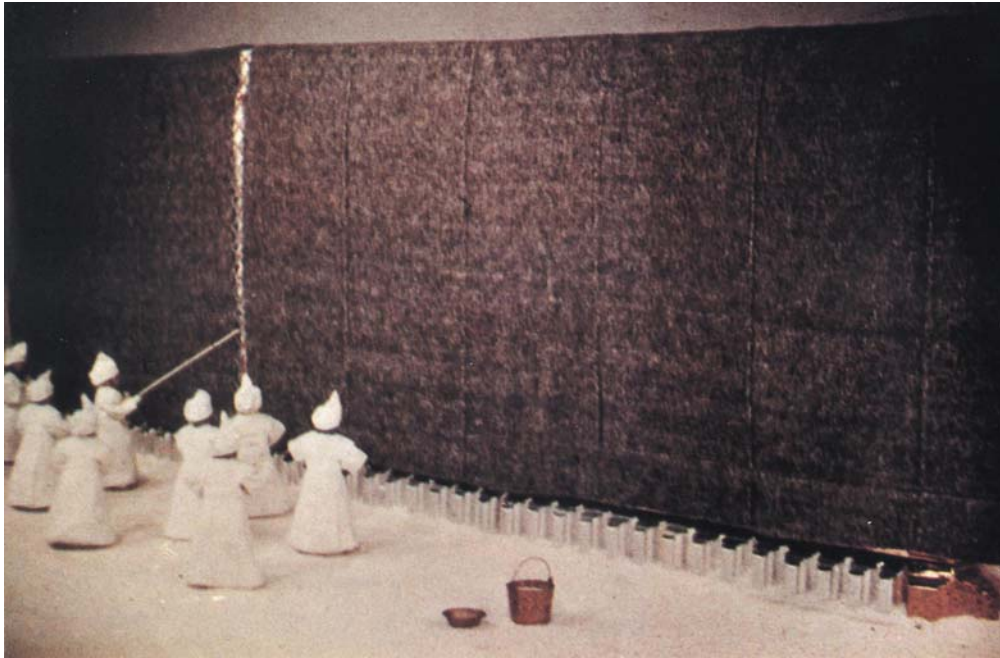
"And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle." Exodus 26:12

**This is the west end of the tabernacle.**

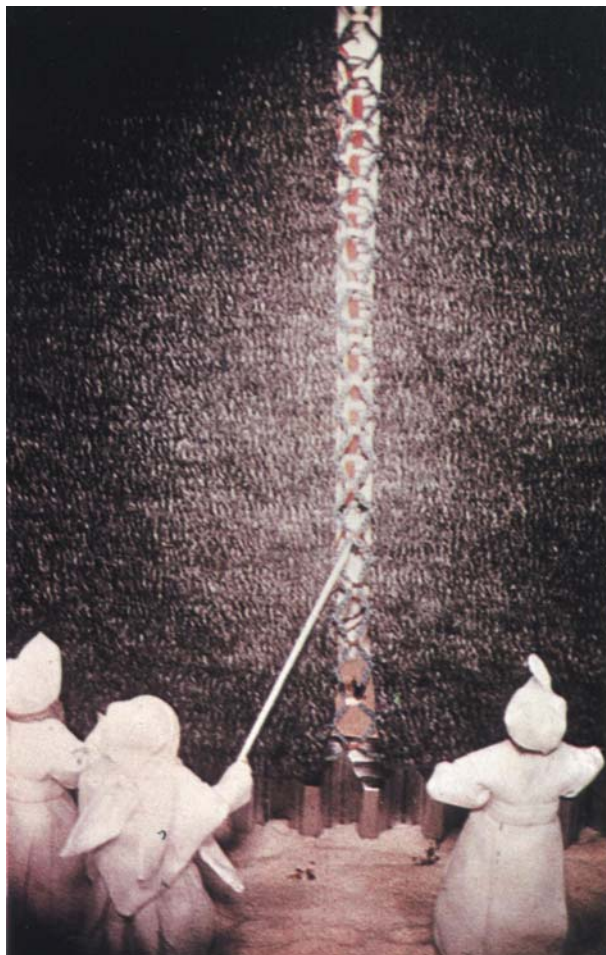


"And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle:" Exodus 26:7

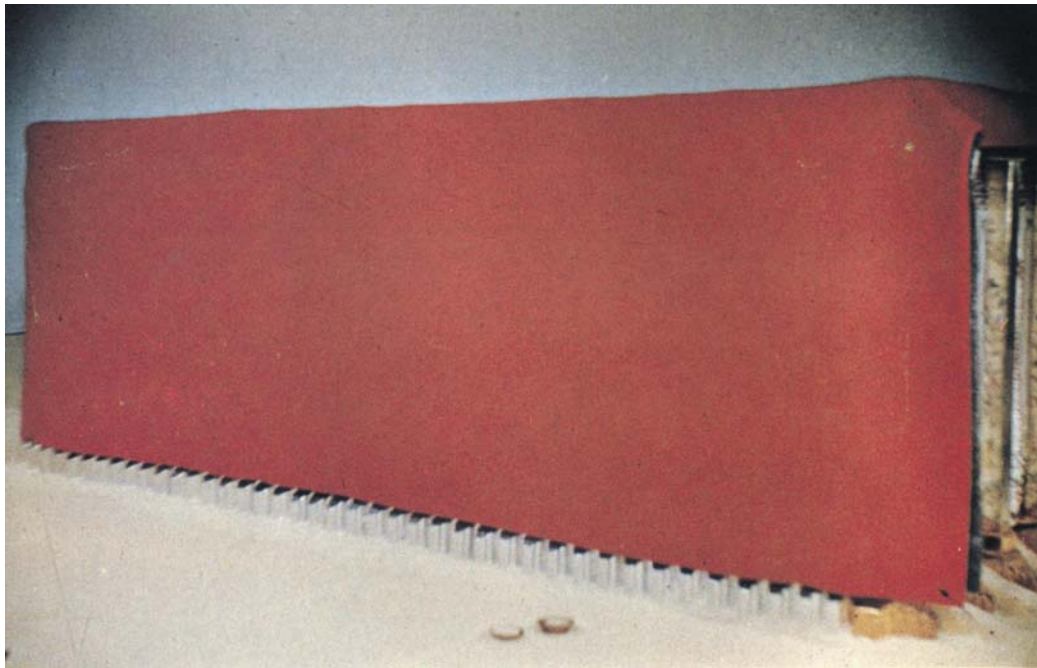




"And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second." Exodus 26:9-10



"And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle." Exodus 26:11-12



**The third covering was rams' skins dyed red. This covering required the shedding of the animals' blood.**



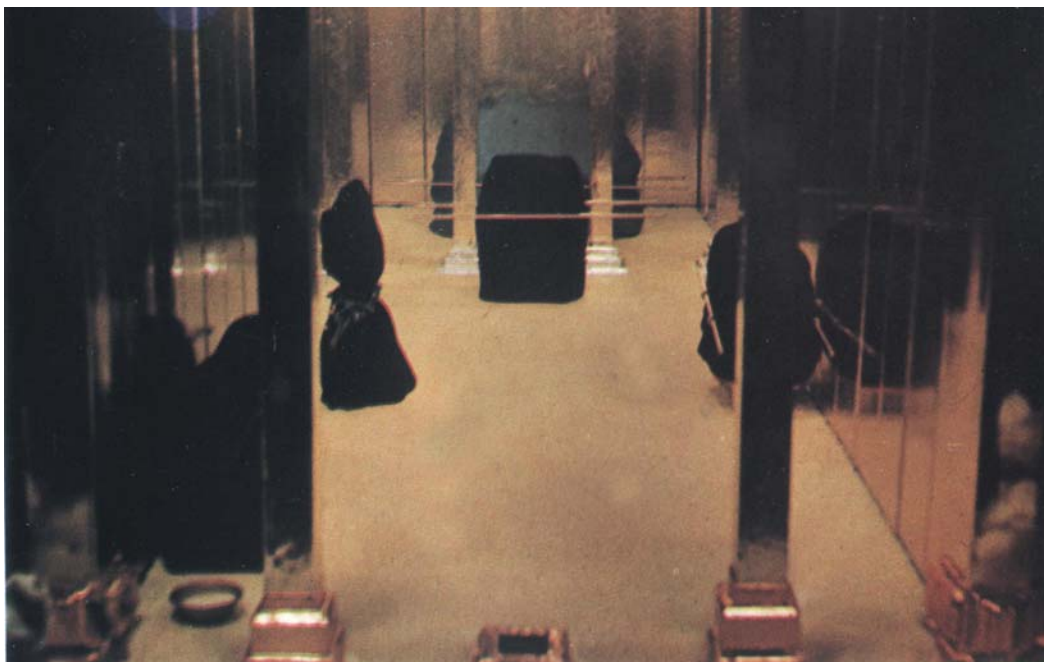
"And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that." Exodus 36:19



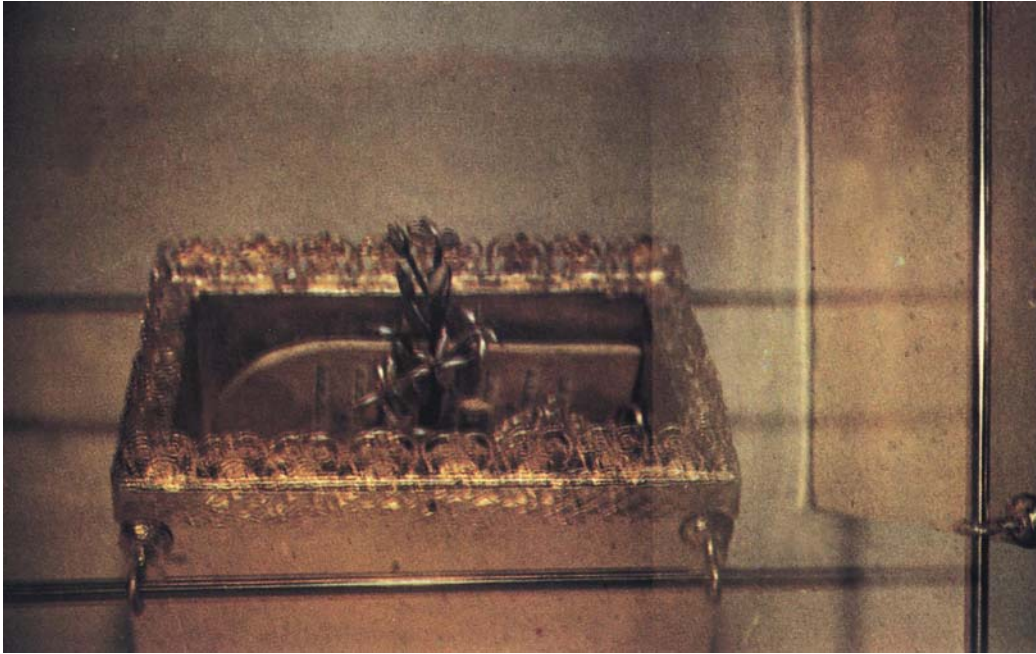


### **THE TABERNACLE COMPLETED**

"And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework. And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them." Exodus 26:36-37



**The covering is lifted, showing the interior of the tabernacle as it looked when the priest entered in to uncover the furnishings.**



### THE ARK OF THE TESTIMONY

"And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: . . . "

"And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about."

Exodus 25:10-11



**Wherein was kept the table of the law, the pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded.**

Deuteronomy 10:5

Exodus 16:33-34

Numbers 17:23



"And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: . . . "

"And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat."

"And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; . . . "

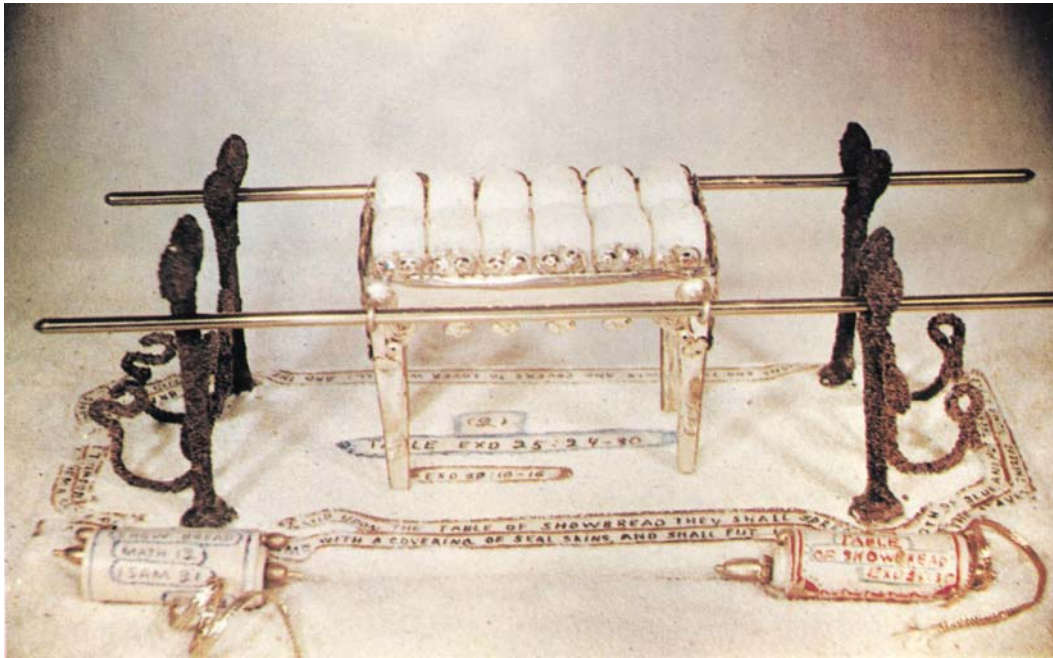
"And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark . . . "

"And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony. . . ."

Exodus 25:17-22

Exodus 37:6-9

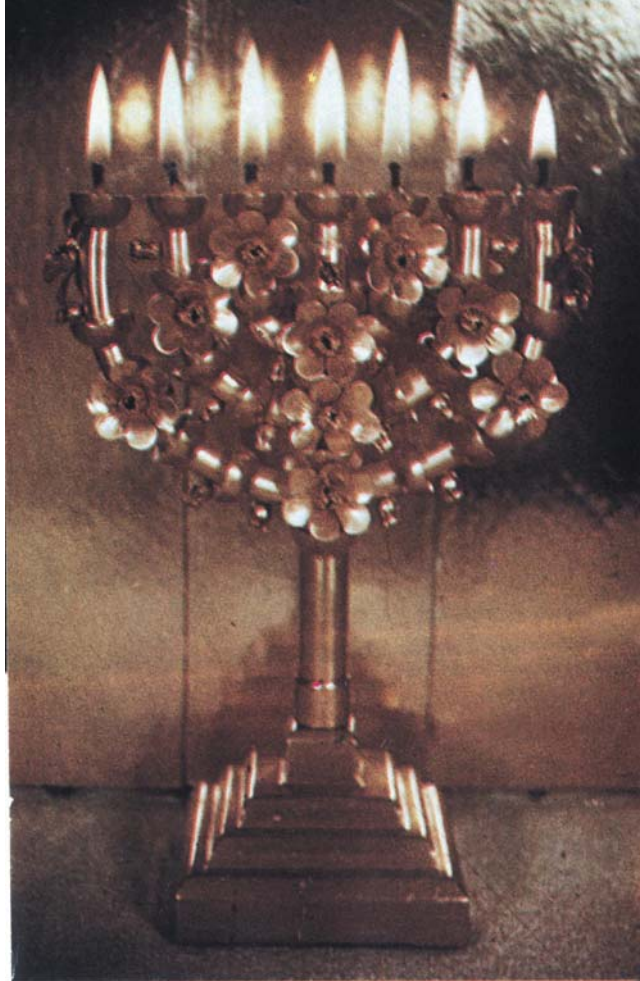




"And he made the table of shittim wood: . . . and he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about." Exodus 37:10-11

"And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the Lord." Leviticus 24:5-6

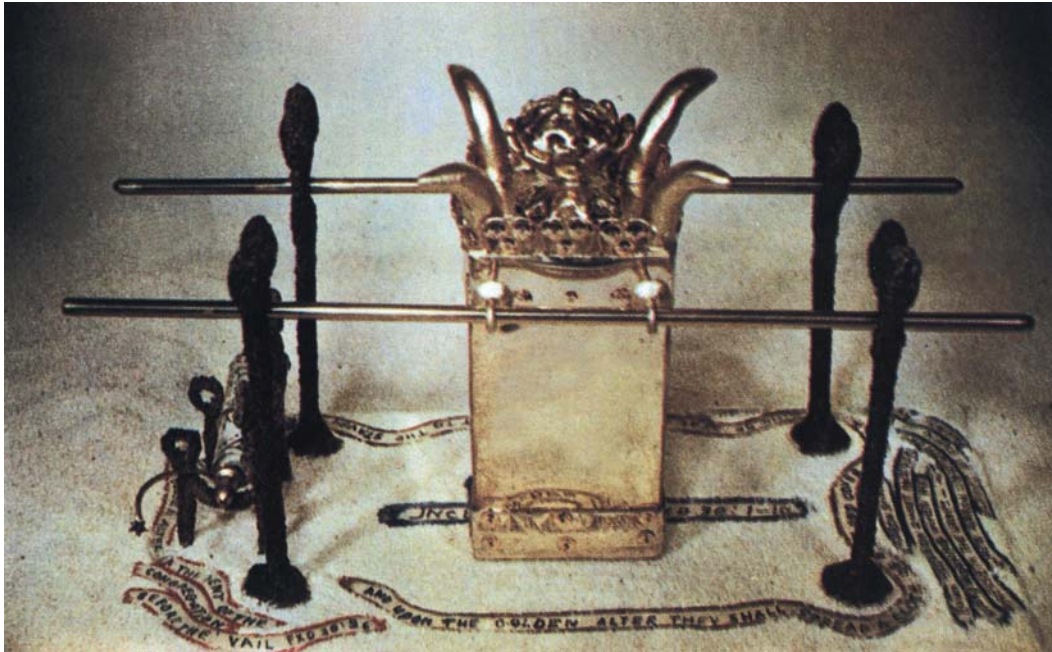
"Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the Lord continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute." Leviticus 24:8-9



"And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: . . ."

" . . . six branches shall come out of the sides of it; . . . "

"Their knops and their branches shall be of the same; and it shall be one beaten work of pure gold." Exodus 25:31-36



"And he made the incense altar of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was foursquare; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same. And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about." Exodus 37:25-26

"And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it." Exodus 30:7

"And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the Lord." Exodus 30:10



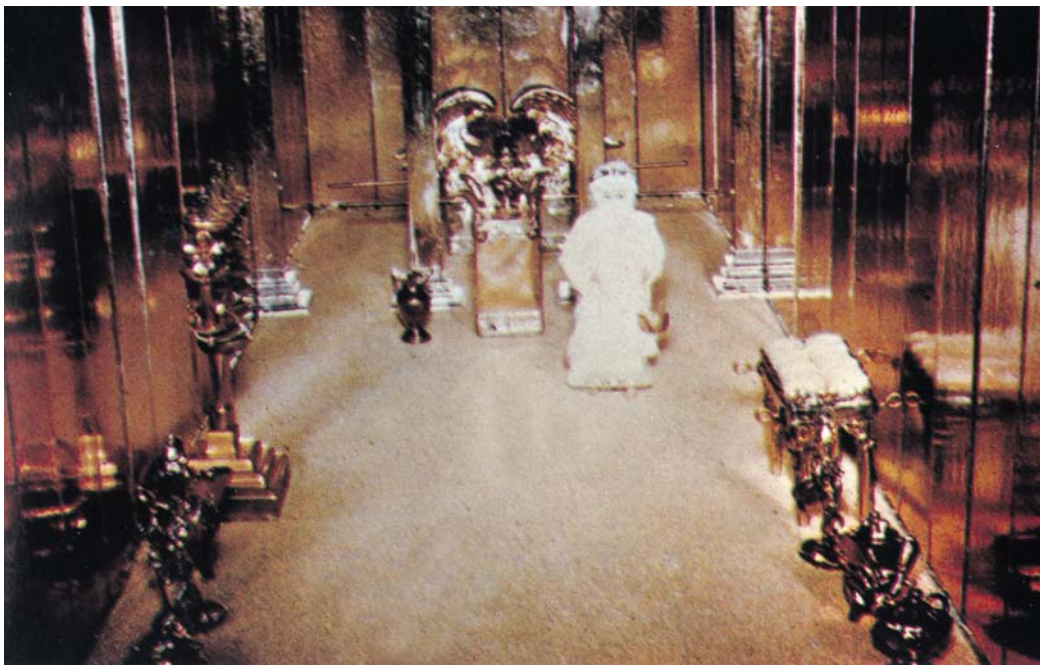


**The tabernacle is in full operation now. The fire of the Lord is upon it.**



**View of the interior of the tabernacle. All the furnishings are in their proper position.**

"And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. . . with cherubims shall it be made: and thou shalt hang it up four pillars . . . and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy." Exodus 26:31-33



**The vail to the most holy is lifted. We can see the cherubims on the mercy seat, the table of shew bread, the candlestick, and the incense altar with all the vessels pertaining to it.**



**Aaron in his embroidered white coat.**



**Aaron at all times wore the mitre with the golden plate and engraved upon it was:  
HOLINESS TO THE LORD**

"And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord. And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework."  
Exodus 28:38-39





### **BRINGING OF THE GIFTS**

"And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments." Exodus 35:21



### **BEZALEEL AND AHOLIAB**

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make that I have commanded thee;" Exodus 31:1-6



### **PEOPLE RESTRAINED FROM BRINGING ANY MORE GIFTS**

"And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every many from his work which they made; And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much." Exodus 36:3-7